(5) 3rd Officer Mitesh Kumar on board M.T. North Challenge disappeared on 14.10.2005 when the vesel was *en route* to San Francisco. Enquiry conducted by the Consulate General of India, San Francisco concluded that no foul play could be suspected.

(6) An Indian Chief Officer on board MT Navarin was reported to be murdered while the vessel was *en route* from China to the Persian Gulf. Enquiry report from the Flag State of Malta is awaited.

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(1) One seamen was found missing from M.V. Inchcape 11 off UAE coast. Enquiry report from the Flag State of UAE is awaited.

(2) Two seamen went missing of Socotra Island in Arabian Sea from Mariam VI after the vessel sank. Enquiry report from the Flag State of Panama is awaited.

(3) One seaman was found missing on board MV Equador Star while the vessel was *en route* to Lisbon. Enquiry report from the Flag State of Liberia is awaited.

(4) A mess man was found missing at sea on board MT Stena Contest. Enquiry report from the Flag State of Bermuda is awaited.

Transshipment port in Great Nicobar

1134. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are exploring the possibility of setting up a transshipment port in Great Nicobar island, the southernmost landmass in the Indian Ocean;

(b) whether it is also a fact that is a part of post-tsunami port infrastructure building exercise and a feasibility survey would soon be carried out on South Bay, North-East of Indira Point; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Conducting feasibility studies for development

of Transshipment Port at South Bay in Great Nocobar Island has been included in the Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme. Global Expression of Interest was invited for the consultancy. However, due to poor response, it has been decided to re-tender for the requirement.

Proposals from Madhya Pradesh

1135. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals of various schemes forwarded by State Government of Madhya Pradesh to the Central Government during the last three years for obtaining its approvals;

(b) the details of proposals approved out of the same;

(c) the reasons for keeping such proposals as pending; and

(d) by when pending proposals would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Details of proposals of various schemes forwarded by Government of Madhya Pradesh to this Ministry and approved by this Ministry during the last three years are as given below:

Scheme	Proposals received during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06		Approved	
	No.	Amount (Rs. in crore)	No.	Amount (Rs. in crore)
Central Road Fund (CRF)	217	1152.63	67	275.87
Roads of Economic Importance. (EI)	24	7120.27	2	9.36
Road of Inter-State connectivity. (ISC)	7	1015.05	1	3.81
National Highway (Original) and Maintenance & Repairs.	335	861.72	221	457.10

(c) and (d) Works under the scheme of Economic Importance and Inter State Connectivity are approved in principle in the first instance, based on